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EMD Disaster Update

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Blunt Signs Executive Orders, Requests Federal Assistance for Tornadoes

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt signed three executive orders for the March 11-12, 2006 tornado response. One executive order freed state agency resources to assist local government disaster response. One activated the Missouri National Guard. The third executive order directed DNR to grant disaster related waivers for storm related damages. He also requested joint federal/state/local damage assessment teams to collect information from impacted communities statewide. Ten deaths, almost 100 injuries, uninsured property damages to both citizens and local governments are directly attributed to the storm system.

On March 13, he submitted an expedited request for Major Disaster Assistance Declaration to the federal government.

State Agencies providing assistance to local governments include: Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri State Water Patrol, Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Missouri National Guard, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Transportation, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services and SEMA. Other Organizations active in the disaster response are: American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Southern Baptists, the United Methodists, AmeriCorps, and many other faith-based disaster response groups.

Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Hotline Established

Due to the overwhelming need for assistance following the recent tornadoes in Missouri, a tornado hotline has been established to coordinate and distribute UNSOLICITED AND UNDESIGNATED donated goods, coordinate spontaneous volunteers, or direct monetary donations to voluntary organizations in Missouri. This hotline will also provide information and referrals for disaster survivors needing assistance. **The donations number is 866-254-0140 and is open between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Citizens who need assistance, who wish to volunteer, or donate supplies or items to the relief effort are urged to call **866-254-014**

Local Tornado Damage Information is STILL Being Collected

If your county suffered ANY damages from the March 11-12 storms, please submit the information to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as soon as possible.

Joint Federal/State Damage Assessment Teams Canvas Counties

Based on the information received from local counties, five SEMA/FEMA Damage Assessment Teams were dispatched to work with local Governments on statewide tornado damage assessment. Beginning Thursday, there will be a total of 10 SEMA/FEMA teams canvassing impacted counties. These teams rely on information, maps, and expertise provided by local governments to conduct the assessments. As the teams finish one county they will contact other counties to determine the availability of local officials to help conduct the assessments.

Damage Assessments completed: in Hickory, Monroe, Perry, Saline, and Ste Genevieve Counties on
Today Damage Assessments being conducted: in Christian, Jefferson, Morgan, Pettis, and Randolph Counties.

DNR Posts Disaster and Debris Waiver Information

The Department of Natural Resources lists information for counties on disaster waivers and fact sheets. The link is: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/disaster.htm>

Help After the Storm, A Guide to Individual & Household Programs

In anticipation of a Federal Disaster Declaration, SEMA posted the Help After the Storm, federal guide to Individual and Household Program to help local governments answer questions from citizens concerning disaster assistance. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/chuck1.pdf>